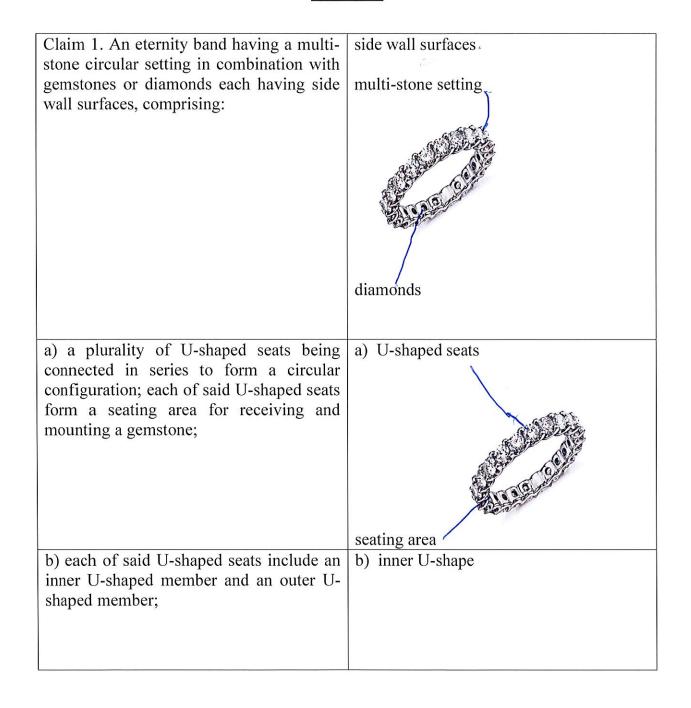
## **EXHIBIT 1**

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## **CLAIM 1**



outer U-shape c) a plurality of said inner U-shaped c) inner U-shape members being connected in series to form an inner wall; and a plurality of said outer outer U-shape U-shaped members being connected in series to form an outer wall: d) each of said inner and outer U-shaped d) two prongs members having two upstanding prongs which are shared with the adjacent U-U-shaped seats shaped seats seating adjacent for gemstones so the side wall surfaces of touching side wall surfaces adjacent gemstones touch each other to provide the appearance of a single continuous gemstone surface extending all the way around the eternity band; e) each of said inner and outer U-shaped | e) two transverse support bars members being connected by two spacedapart transverse support bars on which each gemstone is seated in said seating area; f) each of said inner and outer U-shaped f) lower support bar members being formed by a lower support bar disposed at the bottom of said U-shaped members to form a plurality of viewing side wall surfaces areas to allow the viewer to view the side wall surfaces of the seated gemstone which allows maximum visibility of the side of each gemstone, including the girdle, pavilion and culet of each gemstone; and g) each of said upstanding prongs having g) prongs having upper ends upper ends for engaging the side wall surfaces of two adjacent gem stones to keep said gemstones seated within said seating areas.